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TO AMEMBASSY GABORONE
AMEMBASSY MAPUTO
AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM
INFO AMEMBASSY LUSAKA
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SUBJECT: VISIT OF UNION CARBIDE EXECUTIVES TO SOUTHERN
AFRICA

REFERENCES: A. GABORONE 45, B. MAPUTO 62,
C. DAR ES SALAAM 40

1. FOR GABORONE: DEPARTMENT HAS EXPLAINED TO
UNION CARBIDE DIFFICULTIES IN ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE
MEETING WITH PRESIDENT KHAMA. UNION CARBIDE HAS
ACCEPTED AMBASSADOR NORLAND'S SUGGESTION THAT
UNION CARBIDE EXECUTIVES TELEPHONE HIM FROM
JOHANNESBURG IN EARLY FEBRUARY IN ORDER TO DISCUSS
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POSSIBLE PROGRAM IN BOTSWANA.

2. FOR MAPUTO: DEPARTMENT AGREES THAT EMBASSY
SHOULD NOT SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH MACHEL. WE
HAVE INFORMED UNION CARBIDE THAT IT WOULD BE
MORE USEFUL FOR EXECUTIVES TO MEET WITH CHISSANO.
EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO SEEK APPOINTMENTS WITH

CHISSANO AND MUGABE. REGARDING A POSSIBLE
MEETING WITH MACHUNGO, UNION CARBIDE EXECUTIVES

ARE MAKING TRIP IN ORDER TO DISCUSS THE RHODESIAN
SITUATION AND HAVE NO PLANS TO RAISE SUBJECT OF
POSSIBLE UNION CARBIDE INVESTMENT IN THE COUNTRIES
VISITED. HOWEVER, EXECUTIVES WILL BE PREPARED TO
DISCUSS COMPANY'S INTEREST IN FINDING NEW SOURCES
OF URANIUM, MANGANESE, TUNGSTEN, VANADIUM AND
COLUMBIUM. EMBASSY MAY SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH
MACHUNGO IF IT BELIEVES SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE
USEFUL.

3. FOR DAR ES SALAAM: UNION CARBIDE WAS INFORMED
THAT NYERERE WOULD BE AWAY FROM THE CAPITAL AND
ACCEPTED EMBASSY'S SUGGESTION THAT APPOINTMENT
BE SOUGHT WITH MKAPA. GIST OF PARA 4 REFTTEL C
WAS PASSED TO UNION CARBIDE WHICH ASSURED US THAT
EXECUTIVES WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE SUBJECT.
WASHINGTON OFFICE OF UNION CARBIDE IS ATTEMPTING
TO SECURE STATUS REPORT WHICH WILL BE CABLED TO
EMBASSY. CHRISTOPHER

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